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Dear John:

I have just received a letter from [] in Vienna who advises me that he could not have begun to make progress on his mission without your valuable assistance. I think it was more than generous of you to make your reserve monitor list available to us and I hope that some day we shall be able to reciprocate in kind.

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You may have heard that [] presently is endeavoring to locate monitors in Swahili dialects and [] [] is expected to start out in July to conduct a reception survey of North Africa and at the same time will search for monitors in Nigerian dialects. Qualified people are going to be hard to find but I think it is essential that we enhance our capability for coverage of Africa in Swahili, Amharic and other African tongues. I believe that it might be worthwhile for us to discuss our combined language capabilities at the next Joint Coordination Committee. Perhaps we should even consider the building of a joint reserve list. I am not at all sure that this would serve any particularly useful purpose but on the other hand it might be helpful to be able to advise our respective Governments of resources available to our joint operation and the resources which might be mustered to meet any emergency situation.

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Again I wish to thank you for your cooperation in getting our Vienna press scrutiny operation off the ground. I hope that the product of this press scrutiny will be of some value to you in spite of the copyright restrictions.

Sincerely,

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